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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant:

Patel, et al.

Application Number:

10/007,003

Filing Date:

November 9, 2001

Title:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING METADATA TO TRACK INFORMATION ABOUT

DATA STORED THROUGHOUT

THE SYSTEM

Examiner Name:

Te Y. Chen

Group Art Unit:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:
  - (X) Enclosed:
    - (X) Amendment/Reply
    - (X) Return Postcard
- 2. Fees:
  - (X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity/\$790 large entity)
- 3. (X) Extension of Time fee:

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- (X) One Month (\$60/\$120)
- () Two Month (\$225/\$450)
  - Three Month (\$510/\$1,020)

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## 3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$910 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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